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Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fourteenth session

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, starting at 10 a.m. on Friday 28 September 2018[1]

I. Provisional agenda

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8. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Group of Experts.

[1] Delegates attending meetings at the Palais des Nations are requested to register online (http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=48532), if possible at least two weeks prior to the session. On the day of the meeting, delegates are requested to present themselves at least 45 minutes prior to the start time at the Pass and Identification Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate, 14, Avenue de la Paix, opposite the Red Cross Building (see the map on the Energy Division's website) for the issuance of an identification badge. Registration is open every work day at the Pregny Gate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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9. Any other business.

10. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations.

11. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting.

II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The documents for the session will be published on the ECE Sustainable Energy Division cleaner electricity production website[2], as they become available. A detailed timetable for the session will be posted to the same location.

2. Opening remarks

Opening remarks will be delivered, including a presentation on the status of cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels in the ECE region and the role of electricity in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Election of officers

At its thirteenth session held in October 2017, the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels elected a Bureau to serve for two years, until the end of 2019. The Group of Experts will be informed of any changes in the current Bureau, including possible additional nominations.

4. Activities and priorities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and its Committee on Sustainable Energy

The secretariat will update the Group of Experts on the relevant decisions, recommendations and outcomes of the twenty-seventh session of the Committee on Sustainable Energy, 26-27 September 2018, including the outcomes of the session on 27 September dedicated to the role of electricity in facilitating deep transformation of the energy system. The Group of Experts will discuss concrete steps on how to operationalize the Committee's requests and/or recommendations.

Following the recommendation of the Committee to explore opportunities for closer cooperation among its subsidiary bodies, the Group of Experts will also be briefed on current and planned cross cutting initiatives, including the joint work on the transition of the energy sector and the "Pathways to Sustainable Energy" project recently started under the auspices of the Committee.

[2] http://www.unece.org/energy/se/cep.html

5. Best practices in high-efficiency low-emissions technologies in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe region

A report on the deployment of high-efficiency low-emissions (HELE) technologies will be presented, followed by a discussion on the drivers for and barriers to HELE deployment, and other factors affecting decisions to increase the energy efficiency of thermal power plants.

6. Recommendations on removing obstacles to carbon capture and storage

A round table on ways to develop and deploy carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) technologies will review recent developments, offer some general and country-specific recommendations on CCUS, including to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in an effort to accelerate implementation of the Paris Accord.

7. Opportunities in combined heat and power, gasification and chemical use of coal

The Group of Experts will be updated on the developments in combined heat and power (CHP) and other non-energy uses of coal. The Group of Experts will discuss elements of a report on the opportunities in CHP, gasification and chemical use of coal that is to be drafted by December 2019.

8. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the Group of Experts

The Group of Experts will discuss preparations for its fifteenth session. Possible key topics for the substantive portion of the session will be proposed and discussed. The fifteenth session of the Group of Experts is tentatively scheduled for November 2019 in Geneva, unless the Group of Experts agrees otherwise.

9. Any other business

The meeting may discuss any other pertinent issues that arise before or during the session and that fall within the scope of the Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts. To the extent possible, delegates are encouraged to notify the Chair and the secretariat in advance if they wish to raise any issues under this agenda item.

10. Adoption of conclusions and recommendations

The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt conclusions and recommendations as may be agreed.

Where possible the draft conclusions and recommendations will be circulated to participants and Geneva Permanent Representations at least ten days before the start of the meeting.

11. Adoption of the report and close of the meeting

The Chair, with the assistance of the secretariat, will summarize the agreed conclusions and recommendations. The Group of Experts will be invited to adopt its report based on a draft prepared by the secretariat, following which the Chair will close the meeting.